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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OTRA EI
SUBJ: IRISH ADVANCE DIPLOMAT TEAM TO VISIT MOSCOW

1. IN ANTICIPATION OF OPENING IRISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, THE FOLLOWING GOVT OFFICIALS WILL BE TRAVELING TO MOSCOW NEXT WEEK TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET GOVT OFFICIALS AND EXAMINE POSS-IBLE EMBASSY SITES:

DR. EDWARD BRENNAN, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (THE ONLY RUSSIAN-SPEAKING OFFICER IN THE IRISH FONOFF AND VERY POSSIBLY THE FUTURE AMBASSADOR).

MR. BRENDAN NOLAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PRESENTLY HANDLING ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. (NOLAN IS ONE OF OUR BEST EMBASSY CONTACTS)

MR. NOEL DECHENU, SENIOR ARCHITECT FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

MR. JOHN SWEETMAN, ARCHITECT FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

2. FOREGOING DELEGATION WILL BE LEAVING DUBLIN SUNDAY, ARRIVING IN MOSCOW TUESDAY, NOV 13. THEY WILL SPEND NOV 14 WITH FONOFF OFFICIALS AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH
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APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF"CERTAIN" FRIENDLY EMBASSIES ON THURSDAY,

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NOV 15. THEY WILL BE STAYING AT THE NATIONAL HOTEL.

3. WE HAVE INDICATED WE FELT SURE THAT OFFICIALS IN OUR EMBASSY WOULD BE VERY PLEASED INDEED TO MEET WITH THE IRISH DELEGATION. WE HAVE SAID THAT, BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE, WE WOULD TRY TO HAVE NAMES OF APPROPRIATE PEOPLE IN OUR EMBASSY FOR THEM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH. ALTHOUGH IN THIS INITIAL VISIT IRISH WILL BE CONCERNED ABOUT PHYSICAL PROBLEMS OF FINDING A BUILDING, HOUSING, SUPPLY AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL IF OFFICERS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY COULD MEET AND BRIEF THEM, IN ADDITION TO PROFFERING ADVICE ON ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE BY NOON FRIDAY NAME OF CONTACT OFFICER FOR IRISH DELEGATION TO GET IN TOUCH WITH.
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